

117th Annual Spring Excursion and ABM Springtime In Kincardineshire:

A feast of forestry "in all its branches" based in the Glen Esk Hotel at Edzell. Booking is Essential. Please contact Jo Maynard to reserve your place. Accommodation should be booked direct; see the RSFS Website or contact the Director.

Sunday 3rd May

Welcome reception at the Glen Esk Hotel 1800. Catch up with fellow members over a drink and buffet. North East Committee brief on activities.

Monday 4th May

Cortachy Castle, Glen Clova and the Rottal Burn. Lunch Glen Clova Hotel. Transport provided. **1900 Annual Dinner Edzell Hotel**

Tuesday 5th May

Drumtochy Glen/Forest, Dunnotar Woods and Glensaugh Farm. Lunch Clattering Brig. Transport provided.

1830 ABM The Retreat Glen Esk. Buffet supper

Wednesday 6th May

Visit private farms and estates to view the growing of hardwoods for timber and wood fuel. Lunch Brechin Castle Garden Centre. Transport provided.

RSFS ANNUAL LECTURE.

The lecture will be given by Dr Bob McIntosh on Thursday 9th April in Edinburgh. Further details will follow on the website.

RSFS CLAY SHOOT

There will be a corporate day at Forrest Estate (13 Jun) for all members plus sponsored teams. 100 Bird Sporting and Flush with entertainment for all the family plus lunch. Teams of 4 – Regional Team prize & many others. Details on website.

All Field Trips Count for Career Professional Development (CPD) Points

NORTHERN REGION

19 May. Dalchork Forest Lairg. Flow Country 40 years on. RV 10.00.

30 June. Ballindalloch Estate. (Invitation Oliver & Clare Russell) Multifaceted Estate Management. RV 10.00.

15 Sept. Drynie Christmas Trees. Black Isle. (Graham Tuley's Wood) Alternative Enterprise. RV 10.00

6 October. ABM Balloch 1900. Followed by speaker on the Timber Markets.

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CENTRAL REGION

21 May. Murthly Estate. The visit will see a modern estate tackle with both growing and processing activities.

17 June. Cashel Forest "Multi-purpose forestry in a National Park". RV 10.00 Cashel Forest Centre.

Membership information

The objective of the Society is "the advancement of forestry in all its branches". Membership is open to all with an interest in trees, their silviculture, their timber and their place in our history and in the modern world. The Society welcomes landowners, professional foresters, saw millers and wood processors, contractors, students and **all others**, with an interest in trees, woods and forests who wish to be associated with the Society's aims. Arboriculture in all its various forms for all.

Annual subscription and categories are as follows:

Member	Category 1.1	£ 55-00
Retired Member	Category 1.2	£ 40-00
Student and/or young person (Under 25 years old)	Category 1.5	£30-00

A £3 discount is given to all those who pay by Direct Debit, thereby aiding our administration. Life Member* £600-00
Corporate Member By negotiation with James Hepburne Scott. See Lothian & Borders Chair.
*Aged over 60, having been a member for at least 10 years.

The principal benefits of membership include the opportunity to participate in field trips, the Annual Spring Excursion and other Society events; our journal, *Scottish Forestry*, issued free to members; the opportunity to join the specialist groups within the Society and the RSFS Forest Trust Company; voluntary work to further the development of forestry and its attendant culture in Scotland by assisting the committees of the Society and by representing the Society at regional and national events, shows and exhibitions. Access to the University of Edinburgh Noreen and Kenneth Murray Library. Details and application forms can be obtained from Regional Secretaries, Membership Administrator, Director or on line. www.rsfs.org.uk

Autumn Scone Estate. Forestry ancient and modern. A chance to see not only the modern plantings but also some of the great historic trees.

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LOTHIAN & BORDERS REGION

16 May. Greenlawdean, Greenlaw. Invitation of Peter Leggate. Low impact silvicultural thinning of commercial woods by horse logger. Afternoon. 14.00 RV Greenlawdean NT706468

9 June. Hunthill Estate, Jedburgh. Joint meeting with RFS. Invitation of The Misses Campbell. 92ha of productive estate woodlands.

10.00 RV Scraesburgh, Jedburgh, NT 676 185

16 July. Newton Farm, Moffat. Invitation of the Raphael Trust. 330ha of new native and productive broadleaves. Corehead Farm, Moffat, Borders Forest Trust. 200ha new native woodland 10.00 RV NT084050 Public car park

16 September. Tweed Valley Forest Park. Forest Enterprise. Operations planning and management. ABM

10.00 RV Glentress Peel NT288400

16 October Prestonhall Estate, Pathhead. Invitation of Mrs Henry Callander. Mixed estate with historic designed landscape and garden restoration. Guided tour with Tom Christian RBGE.

10.00 RV Prestonhall House NT 395658

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COUNCIL MEETINGS

Mar 11 Cathedral Halls Dunblane

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Sep 30 Cathedral Halls Dunblane

SOUTHWEST & NI REGION

28 May. Visit to Land Energy, Girvan to see their large scale Combined Heat and Power biomass plant in morning, followed by visit to Bargany Estate (John & Sally Ann Dalrymple-Hamilton) to see their rhododendrons and forestry.

16 July. Joint visit with L&B – See L&B details.

11 September. Cowhill Estate, Dumfries (Invitation Percy Weatherall) – an oak plantation.

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SHOWS (RSFS Tent Deployed)

**The Scottish Game Fair – 3rd to 5th Jul
Stewartry Show – 6th Aug**

WEBSITE

Members are again requested to email the Director to allow him to enter their details on the user database and issue a password. Merely registering does not give you access to the Members' Area. We have 228 (up 70) members now logged in and hope to increase that again this year. The website calendar is the most up to date medium for all Society events please make full use of the facility.

RSFS FOREST TRUST COMPANY

The Native Forest Centre is open Apr – Oct 10.00 – 16.00 (except Mondays). Also available for hire.

7 August. AGM See www.cashel.org.uk for more.

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